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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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| In re: |) | Docket No. 12-0004 |
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| Isaac Martin, |) | Consent Decision |
| |) | and Order |
| Respondent |) | |

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

The respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1. Isaac Martin, hereinafter referred to as the respondent, is an individual whose mailing address is 1995 Noble Road, Shiloh, Ohio 44878.

2. The respondent, at all times material herein, was licensed and operating as a dealer as defined in the Act and the regulations.

Conclusions

The respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondent, his agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, and in particular, shall cease and desist from:

(a) Failing to establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care under the supervision and assistance of a doctor of veterinary medicine;

(b) Failing to construct and maintain housing facilities for animals so that they are structurally sound and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury, contain them securely, and restrict other animals from entering;

(c) Failing to construct and maintain housing facilities for animals so that surfaces may be readily cleaned and sanitized or be replaced when necessary;

(d) Failing to keep water receptacles clean and sanitized;

(e) Failing to store supplies of food and bedding so as to adequately protect them against contamination;


(f) Failing to provide for the regular and frequent collection, removal, and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, debris, garbage, water, other fluids and wastes, and dead animals, in a manner that minimizes contamination and disease risks; and


(g) Failing to construct and maintain housing facilities for animals so that sufficient lighting is provided.

2. The respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$2,500.00, which shall be paid by a certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of United States.


The provisions of this order shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on the respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


Isaac Martin
Respondent


Brian Hill
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 1st day of February


Administrative Law Judge

JANICE K. BULLARD